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**The Honorable Todd Tiahrt
Member of Congress
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Dear Todd:

I want to commend you for your leadership in ensuring that Harvey County will remain a part of the Wichita Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). As you know, Harvey County is an integral part of the greater Wichita community, and has been included in the Wichita MSA since 1986. At that time, I was successful in enacting legislation that designated Harvey County as part of the Wichita MSA.

With the recent census data and new Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations regarding MSAs, Harvey County would not have met the new criteria, and millions of dollars in federal assistance would have been lost. Additionally, the Wichita MSA market would have decreased in size, causing further economic harm to the local communities impacted.

Your efforts, as well as those of Senators Brownback and Roberts, to intervene with the OMB to maintain the Dole amendment as law were critical to the continued economic prosperity of Harvey County and the greater Wichita community.

I am grateful for your dedication and hard work on behalf of the citizens of South Central Kansas.

God Bless America,



BOB DOLE